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SUBJECT: COUNCIL OF EUROPE: CONSULTATIVE ASSEMBLY URGES
CYPRIOTS TO NEGOTIATE POLITICAL SETTLEMENT THEMSELVES

REFS: A. STRASBOURG 132

B. STRASBOURG 146

C. STRASBOURG 157

D. NICOSIA 3182

E. NICOSIA 3436

1. ON 25 SEPTEMBER, COUNCIL OF EUROPE'S CONSULTATIVE ASSEMBLY
PASSED RECOMMENDATION URGING CYPRIOTS TO NEGOTIATE A POLITICAL
SETTLEMENT AMONG THEMSELVES. ACTION CAME AFTER A SPECIAL WORKING
GROUP OF THE ASSEMBLY'S POLITICAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE ARRANGED FOR
GREEK CYPRIOT TASSOS PAPADOPOULOS , PRESIDENT OF CYPRIOT HOUSE,
AND TURKISH CYPRIOT VICE PRESIDENT DENKTASH TO PRESENT THEIR VIEWS
TO COMMITTEE ON SEPTEMBER 23. ASSEMBLY DECISION DOVETAILED WITH
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THAT OF THE COUNCIL'S COMMITTEE OF MINISTERS TO GET

INVOLVED ONLY THROUGH THE INSTRUMENT OF HUMANITARIAN AID (REFS A, B AND C).

2. AT PRESS CONFERENCE 24 SEPTEMBER, PAPADOPOULOS AND DENKTASH INDICATED THEIR SATISFACTION WITH THEIR DISCUSSIONS WITH COMMITTEE AND MADE CLEAR THEY DESIRED A SOVEREIGN, INDEPENDENT CYPRUS WHERE GREEK AND TURKISH COMMUNITIES COULD LIVE TOGETHER IN PEACE. DURING THE VISIT TO CYPRUS TO PREPARE A REPORT FOR THE ASSEMBLY, WORKING GROUP CHAIRMAN, AUSTRIAN FRANZ KARASEK, FOUND BOTH CLERIDES AND DENKTASH READY TO INCREASE THE FREQUENCY OF INTERCOMMUNAL MEETINGS, AND SOME ROOM FOR NEGOTIATION ON THE FUTURE TURKISH AREA.

3. ASSEMBLY DEBATE WAS HIGHLIGHTED BY PROPOSAL OF FRENCH GAULLIST DEPUTY NESSLER TO CREATE A GREEK-TURKISH CONDOMINIUM ON CYPRUS. HOWEVER, MOST SPEAKERS ECHOED KARASEK'S CALL TO LET THE CYPRIOTS REACH AGREEMENT THEMSELVES. ASSEMBLY RECOMMENDATION CALLED ON MINISTERS IMMEDIATELY TO SUPPLY HUMANITARIAN AID, TO TAKE A DECISION IN PRINCIPLE ON ECONOMIC AID, TO FACILITATE THE DIRECT TALKS BETWEEN GREEK AND TURKISH CYPRIOT LEADERS, TO FOSTER THROUGH INTERCOMMUNITY NEGOTIATIONS A PRELIMINARY AGREEMENT ON WHICH TO BASE A CONFERENCE - TO INCLUDE GUARANTOR STATES - AND FINAL AGREEMENT, AND TO HELP THE CYPRIOTS TO COMPLY WITH THE INTERNATIONAL OBLIGATIONS OF THE TREATIES ON THE REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS. REGARDING QUESTION IN REF. E, RECOMMENDATION APPEARS TO BE AN HONEST EFFORT BY ASSEMBLY TO PROMOTE INTER-COMMUNITY NEGOTIATIONS IN CYPRUS TO RESOLVE CONFLICT IN FAIR AND JUST FASHION.

4. ASSEMBLY ALSO TOOK FIRST STEPS, STEMMING FROM AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE REACHED IN STRASBOURG BY PAPADOPOULOS AND DENKTASH, TO SEAT A CYPRIOT PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION COMPOSED OF BOTH GREEKS AND TURKS.ROMINE

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